

other agencies with whom we work so closely overseas.

It is felt that those who serve abroad as part of an Embassy family have a common interest with Foreign Service women as regards the problems we all must face in this kind of life, such as education of children, adjustment to life in different countries, etc. . . . problems with which the AAFSW primarily concerns itself.

When the AAFSW was first organized, the question of such a broad membership was seriously considered, but, at the time, it was deemed necessary to keep membership relatively small until it was seen whether AAFSW could be organized at all. We are organized now and feel that we can handle the administrative and organizational problems that will arise from expanded membership.

The men's organization already includes members of other agencies as associate members and is currently studying a report recommending full membership for all.

The Board would like to present this question to the AAFSW membership for a vote, but feels that every member should first have a chance to express her opinion. Accordingly, there will be a business meeting devoted entirely to this problem immediately prior to the Christmas luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel on December 11th. A detailed report of the discussions at this meeting will be carried in the next issue of the AAFSW Newsletter and a ballot, formally proposing the change, will be sent to all members at that time. It is also hoped that overseas members will send in their opinions to the Board.

So, if you are abroad, write to the Board. If you are in Washington, be at the Shoreham at 11:45 a.m., on December 11th to let us know what your opinion is. Let us know you'll be there by marking the enclosed combined meeting-and-luncheon reservation slip and mailing it promptly.

FSI WIVES' TRAINING COURSE

A two-week course for wives called Overseas Assignment is being offered by the Foreign Service Institute from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon November 26 through December 7. It is open to wives of U.S. Government officers and employees who are in positions with duties that may be expected to take them abroad on extended assignments as

well as to other adult members of a family who expect to accompany the employee abroad.

Classes are being held in the mornings only, with afternoons available for individual consultation, use of the FSI library, and other matters of interest to those enrolled. The course is under the direction of Miss Mary Vance Trent, a Foreign Service officer who has held posts in Europe and the Far East, and who has recently been appointed to the Institute staff.

The course is intended to encourage the American wife abroad to appraise her opportunities and responsibilities in fitting into a new environment, and to help her meet new situations of living in varying posts in different parts of the world. Subjects will include: American backgrounds and aspects of contemporary American life; the function of an American Mission as a whole and the responsibilities of each of its elements; how to answer questions about the United States; appropriate social procedures in differing situations; problems of emerging nations; opportunities for wives to participate in service abroad, such as teaching English, assisting in civic and charitable projects, and offering other constructive help in a local community.

While the first session will be a pilot course, it is expected that the course will be given each month starting in January, 1963. Sessions will be limited in size in order to make possible a seminar-type program with ample opportunity for questions and discussions. Regular attendance will be expected. Anyone wishing further information should call the Registrar -- FSI -- DU 3-4792.

JUNIOR WIVES' SEMINAR

An orientation program will be held for Junior Wives at the Foreign Service Institute, Monday evening, December 3rd, which all new wives are invited to attend. The program will consist of a panel presentation and discussion led by Foreign Service wives. A special attraction will be a Departmental briefing on current housing, travel, shipment of effects, representation, medical and other administrative regulations. The evening will conclude with regional round tables where the problems of special areas will be discussed with wives recently returned from various parts of the world.